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Rep. Dent votes for minimum wage increase

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today voted for HR 2, the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007, which passed the House today by a vote of 315-116. The bill raises the minimum wage in stages from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour over two years. It now moves on to the Senate.

This is Congressman Dent's second vote to raise the minimum wage. On July 28 of last year the Congressman voted in favor of HR 5970, the Estate Tax and Extension of Tax Relief Act of 2006. That bill, which passed the House by a vote of 230-180, would have raised the minimum wage to \$7.25 over a three year period, but it was not considered in the Senate.

"Without question, the raising of the minimum wage is an idea whose time has come," Congressman Dent said. "Many states, including Pennsylvania, have already done so."

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